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The Kicker is authorized to announce Geo. E. Jacobs as the Republican candidate for assessor of Scott county at the November election, 1912.
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The Kicker is authorized to announce O. J. Dannenmueller as the Republican candidate for treasurer of Scott county at the November election, 1912.

SOCIALIST TICKET.
For President—
EUGENE V. DEBS.
For Vice-President—
EMIL SEIDEL.
For Governor—
W. A. WARD.
For Lieutenant-Governor—
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For State Auditor—
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For State Treasurer—
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For Attorney-General—
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For R. R. Commissioner—
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For State Auditor of Appeals—
SHERIDAN CARLISLE.
For Comptroller—
A. F. BUMPAS.
For State Senator—
(No Nomination).
For Representative—
LEE MASSEY.
For Sheriff—
E. J. SLINKARD.
For Assessor—
E. L. GRAMMER.
For County Treasurer—
ALFRED POBST.
For Surveyor—
(No Nomination).
For Public Administrator—
A. A. EVANS.
For Coroner—
ALEX HENDERSON.
For County Judge, 1st Dist.—
(No Nomination).
For County Judge, 2nd Dist.—
W. B. GRICE.
Justice—Morley township—
JOHN F. LITTLE.
Constable—Morley township—
JOHN GIBBS.
For Constable Kelso twp.—
R. N. PATE.
For Constable Sylvania twp.—
S. H. HAMPTON.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE.
Charleston, W. Va., October 8.—Distressing scenes were witnessed along Cabin Creek to-day when deputy sheriffs evicted the families of many striking miners from homes they had occupied, in some instances since the mines were opened.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Thomas V. Moulder, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned by the judge of the probate court of Scott county, Mo., in vacation, bearing date the 7th day of September, 1912.
All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them to me for allowance within six months from the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate, and if said claims be not exhibited within one year from the publication of this notice they will be forever barred.
3-21-42
Phoebe Moulder, Executrix.

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For Sale—A 2-year-old filly cheap. John Wilhelm, New Hamburg, Mo.
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TO BLODGETT READERS.
Joe Mackley has agreed to act as agent for the Kicker at Blodgett and receive subscriptions for the Kicker. Parties wishing to renew or subscribe can do so conveniently through him.
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TO ILLMO PATRONS.
People of Illmo and vicinity can subscribe or renew for the Kicker through either Casper Miller or E. L. Grammer.

THE SHELL GAME.
Fifteen years ago the shell-game operator followed the circus and the fair. To the observer it appeared fair and victims were plentiful.
The game is played with two halves of English walnut hulls and a little rubber ball. The operator carelessly rolls the ball under one shell and then the other. Then he stops and offers to bet you any amount you can't guess under which of the two shells the ball is under.
Ordinarily this would be an even bet—even if you had your eyes shut. But you SAW it roll under the shell in his right and—and you put up your money.
He raises the shell and the little ball is—not there!
You lose. Instead of the ball stopping under the shell it passed on and he has it between his fingers.
While you are wondering how it happened he pushes the other shell forward and at the same time releases the ball to make it appear that it was under the other shell. You feel that your eyes deceived you, and you try again—with the same result. If you are a "dead game sport" you go broke. But when the game was exposed it had to go out of business.
There is another game in which the average man has about the same chance of winning as in that shell game. It is played with stocks, bonds, notes, title deeds, courts and the army. The game is called big business. It is being thoroughly exposed and within ten years will be as well understood as its side-partner—the shell game—and as unpopular.

THE COUNTRY BAND.
H. W. Leonard in Coming Nation. A number of city girls were out in the country at a farm house in Missouri where about a hundred mules were kept. These animals are peculiarly musical, braying each in its own individual key on the slightest pretext, and it sounds in the distance very much like a brass band.
In the evening, just as the girls were about to retire, the mules became unnecessarily excited by a barking dog, that ran among them and all raised their harmonious voices in energetic concert. Full of excitement one of the girls called out: "Hurry, hurry, put out the light girls. Don't you hear the country boys coming to serenade us?"

The degree of ignorance the organs of plutocracy assume their readers to have is certainly a fright. The Socialist platform is kept prominently before the people for their inspection. It contains, in the plainest of language, what the Socialist party stands for. There can be no excuse for ignorance concerning it. Have you ever known of a plate paper attacking a single plank in that platform? Oh, no; but they put up instead a man of straw of their own creation, label him Socialism, and then proceed to demolish him. Great sport!

The single tax would be an awful blow at the tenant farmer and the wage-slave. Why, they'd even be deprived of the "liberty" to pay a poll tax.

THE POLITICAL WHIRL.
There has been considerable maneuvering in political circles during the past week. Circuit Judge Farris has resigned to give his attention to his candidacy for the supreme judgeship. Gov. Hadley appointed J. A. Finch, of this county to fill the vacancy.
The Republican judicial committee have selected Edw. Hayes, of Cape county to be placed on their ticket for the place. The Democratic judicial committee met at Sikeston last week and put Frank Kelly, of Cape county, as their candidate.
The resignation of Probate Judge Kingsbury created another vacancy, and the Republican county committee met here last week and agreed on Joe W. Moore of Sikeston, as their candidate. Gov. Hadley has appointed Mr. Moore to fill the vacancy existing. The Democratic county committee met here Tuesday and agreed on T. B. Dudley as their candidate.
At Morley, Saturday, the Socialists attempted to fill this vacancy on their ticket, but no one present would accept it and the matter was left with the committee to do the best they could.

The death of Capt. Sam Tanner also created a vacancy on the Democratic ticket for public administrator. The committee filled this vacancy with V. L. Harris.
The Socialists of Scott county held their quarterly meeting at Morley Saturday and considerable interest was manifested.
The secretary's quarterly report was read and approved, and appears elsewhere. Read it. While the plate parties are yawning about laws to compel publicity, the Socialists go right on and do it.
The reported attempt at fusion at Morley was brought up and the lid put on good and tight. No more rumors of that sort will be likely to emanate from that quarter.
The vacancies on the ticket were taken up and J. H. Brannan, Vanduser, Casper Miller, Illmo, and P. A. Hafner were nominated as candidates for probate judge. None would accept and it was left to the committee to fill the vacancy if a suitable person could be found to accept.

J. W. Jacob was recommended to fill the vacancy on the ticket for surveyor. Mr. Jacob not being a surveyor it was decided to leave the place vacant.
The secretary was ordered to secure W. L. Garver for eight days to speak in the county during the last week in October.
The meeting adjourned until the first Saturday after election.
HERE AND YONDER
Capt. Sam Tanner, who was struck by a train at Poplar Bluff last week, died at a hospital in St. Louis Sunday. Capt. Tanner had a farm near Poplar Bluff and was hauling lumber to it for building purposes. In crossing the railroad track the wagon was struck by a passenger train, killing both horses and throwing Mr. Tanner violently to the ground, fracturing his skull. He was picked up unconscious and taken to St. Louis, where an operation was performed, but he died without regaining consciousness. Mr. Tanner was a good man, in his 73rd year, always active and at work, had served as a sheriff and was the county's public administrator at the time of his death.
J. W. Farris brought to the Kicker three cornstalks that contained well developed ears that were beginning to harden. Mr. Farris says this corn was planted July 20, and if frost doesn't come very soon it will mature.
Wm. Canham of Commerce was in the Kicker office Monday seeking a little information concerning the single tax. He says he was raised where township organization was applied and approved of that.
Mrs. Wm. Finley and son Leslie were down from St. Louis visiting relatives. They spent part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Finley near Benton.
The price of beef ought to fall a little. Joe Miederhoff was here Monday and reported twin calves at his home.
An infant born to Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Legrand last week was buried at the Catholic cemetery.
Joe Bowman, the Democratic candidate for representative, was in Benton Monday.
J. F. Mackley, of Blodgett, was a Kicker caller Monday.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.
Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Goetz, two old people of this neighborhood are still the champion sweet potato raisers. They have dug about 10 bushels that will average three pounds.
The baby of Mr. and Mrs. Robert George was baptized. Daniel George and Miss Annie Schoen stood sponsors.
Al. Feldon and family and Jacob Blattel of Kelso spent Sunday with Louis Schram.
O. J. Dannenmueller of Kelso was here Sunday shaking hands with his friends.
Mrs. Joe Hahn visited her niece Miss Ollie Diebold, who is sick, Monday.
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FROM HICKORY GROVE.
Mrs. George Utage and family of Unity visited Mrs. Kate Morrow Sunday.
Ernest Vaughn and family visited Mrs. Moody near Blodgett Sunday.
George Johnson and family visited in this neighborhood Sunday. Several from here attended the baptizing at Blodgett Sunday.
Prayer meeting was well attended Sunday night.
The little child of Mrs. Eliza Welker has chills.
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FROM CROOKED CREEK.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Finley and sons, who have been visiting here, returned to their home in St. Louis Tuesday.
Mrs. Chas. Rochell and children of Cape Girardeau are visiting her mother, Mrs. S. Totty.
Mrs. Canzada Clymer of Charleston spent Saturday with her brother, A. Penn.
Lester Busche of the Cape visited the family of Wm. Spradlin on last Sunday.
Arthur Clymer and Collen Spradlin were in St. Louis this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Jess Odom of Illmo visited among us Sunday.
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FROM CHANEY.
Miss Alma Johnson celebrated her birthday Tuesday evening by having her many friends gather at her home and have a good time. Louis and Miss Alma Jenkins attended church in Richwoods Sunday morning.
Sam Potashnick and family and our teacher autored to Morehouse Sunday evening.
Miss Irtie Hawkins Sundayed with Mrs. Mayme Potashnick.
Little Glenn Johnson, who has been sick, is out again.
J. P. Johnson and family visited at Sikeston Sunday.
Farmers are busy sowing wheat. Subscribe for the only Kicker.

FROM ILLMO.
Well, those law-violating farmers, about half of them, showed up again Friday of last week, as commanded by the authorities, to explain their lawless acts. However, the authorities evidently had a "dream"—as the rulers used to have in olden times—and they agreed with the rebellious farmers that if they would pay the poll tax and of it there would be no costs. Now, it must require a pretty loud dream to cause an official to part with his rake-off, but that is what happened—unless the county pays it. The farmers present under 50 years old paid \$3.00 and those over 50 paid 50c. But the farmers who refused to fight and had paid \$7.50 are sore and may not be so ready to "comply with the law" hereafter. If these farmers will help to abolish the poll tax by voting for the single tax it may relieve them of a repetition of their recent experience.

While working at the box factory Saturday morning Silas Guley fell into a steam vat and was so seriously scalded that he died Sunday morning. He leaves a wife and three sons. The remains were buried at the Levee cemetery.
The Quigley brick store building is being rushed to completion and Henry Cruse is putting up a brick building on Second street.
Our recently organized Socialist local meets every Tuesday night and takes in from one to three new members at every meeting.
J. P. Lightner is having a well dug on his lot north of Hickory street and will pipe the water to the Jefferson Hotel.
W. B. Newberry was suddenly attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs Monday evening and is seriously ill.
The concrete workers are still building side-walks and improving the looks of the town.
Ed. Grammer, Socialist nominee for assessor, attended the Morley meeting Saturday.

A good company is playing at the opera house this week.
FROM HEAD SCHOOL.
The first month of school closed Friday and the following pupils were present every day: Louis Roth, Arthur Roth, Alfred Roth, Freddie Sander, Emily and Dina Sander and Bertha Sander.
Mr. and Mrs. Casper Elfert, Jr. and Miss Christine Sprenger, went to Emma, Mo., Friday to attend the marriage of their brother, Rev. Henry Sprenger.
Louis Albrecht, Martin and August Roth, T. J. Elfert, and John Roth were at the Cape Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bauer of the Cape visited her mother, Mrs. Aug. Mussbach, last week.
Grandma Koch had a stroke of paralysis Friday and is in a serious condition.
Martin Roth bought a 5-passenger Ford car last week.
Judge Albrecht was at the Cape Tuesday.
Little Linda Elfert has scarlet fever.

FROM COMMERCE.
Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Stroud and children, Mrs. C. P. Bondurant and Mrs. L. A. Reynolds and daughter and Miss Irma Daily attended the street carnival at Cairo.
Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Held, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Jones and Mrs. Crowder autored to Chaffee and Cape Girardeau Sunday.
A. G. Mills, wife and son are visiting at Jackson. A. L. Mills is rural route carrier in the mean time.
L. H. Hughes, who has been employed in Ireland's store, has resigned and will leave here.
The dredge boat for ditch No. 1 which will start at the edge of town, is being unloaded.
Rev. Mechen of Oran is assisting Rev. Maddox in a meeting. It will continue for two weeks.
W. G. Anderson went to St. Louis Saturday—his wife returning with him Monday.
Mrs. Lou Smith, of Fredericktown is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. R. Jones.
Rev. Bennett has moved his family here from Caruthersville.
The bungalows of Post Brothers are nearing completion.
Mrs. Jennie Crowder has moved here from St. Louis.
Wesley Smith of Rockview spent last week here.
Mrs. Julia Finley is visiting her son at Chaffee.
Miss Hattie Ellis of Morley was here Monday.
DeWitt Johnson is sick.

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FROM CROWDER.
Ethel, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Sherry died of pneumonia last week and was buried in the Carpenter cemetery.
Miss Edith Counsellor of Harblson was here last week accompanied by Miss Caille Hulen.
Mr. and Mrs. Loney Counsellor and baby are here visiting relatives and friends.
The Misses Pearl and Nellie Brooks spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Maggie Wisdom.
Mrs. Bennett and children from Caruthersville are visiting friends here.
Mrs. George Ellis and family moved to Hornersville last week.
Mr. and Mrs. M. Robertson, of Ill., are visiting relatives here.
S. V. Probst has ordered a basketball for the school.
Lenard Frye, of Zalma, is visiting relatives here.
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NATIONAL SOCIALIST PLATFORM.

The Socialist party of the United States declares that the capitalist system has outgrown its historic function and has become utterly incapable of meeting the problems confronting society. We denounce this outgrown system as incompetent and corrupt, and the source of unspeakable misery and suffering to the whole working class.

Under this system the industrial equipment of the nation has passed into the absolute control of a plutocracy which exacts an annual tribute of millions of dollars from the producers. Unafraid of organized resistance, it stretches out its greedy hands over the still undeveloped resources of the nation—the land, the mines, the forests and the water powers of every state in the Union.

In spite of the multiplication of labor-saving machines and improved methods of industry which cheapen the cost of production, the share of the producers grows ever less, and the price of all the necessities of life steadily increase. The boasted prosperity of this nation is for the owning class alone. To the rest it means only greater hardship and misery. The high cost of living is felt in every home. Millions of wage-workers have seen their wages decrease until life has become a desperate battle for mere existence.

Multitudes of unemployed walk the streets of our cities or trudge from state to state awaiting the will of the masters to move the wheels of industry. The farmers in every state are plundered by the increasing prices exacted for tools and machinery, and by extortionate rent, freight rates and storage charges. Capitalist concentration is mercilessly crushing the class of small business men and driving its members into the ranks of the propertyless wage-workers. The overwhelming majority of the people of America are being forced under a yoke of bondage by this soulless industrial despotism.

It is this capitalist system that is responsible for the increasing burden of armaments, the poverty, crime and prostitution, and much of the disease that afflicts mankind. Under this system the working class is exposed to poisonous conditions, to frightful and needless perils in life and limb; is walled around with court decisions, injunctions and unjust laws, and is preyed upon incessantly for the benefit of the controlling oligarchy of wealth. Under it also the children of the working class are doomed to ignorance, drudging toil and darkened lives.

In the face of these evils, so manifest that all thoughtful observers are appalled at them, the legislative representatives of the Republican, Democratic and all reform parties remain the faithful servants of the oppressors. Measures designed to secure to the wage earners of this nation as humane and just treatment as already enjoyed by the wage earners of all other civilized nations have been smothered in committee without debate, and laws ostensibly designed to bring relief to the farmers and general consumers are juggled and transformed into instruments for the exaction of further tribute. The growing unrest under oppression has driven these two old parties to the enactment of a variety of regulatory measure, none of which has lifted in any appreciable degree the power of plutocracy, and some of which have been perverted into means for increasing their power. Anti-trust laws, railroad restrictions and regulations, with the prosecutions, indictments and investigations based upon such legislation, have proved to be utterly futile and ridiculous.

Nor has this plutocracy been seriously restrained or even threatened by any Republican or Democratic executive. It has continued to grow in power and insolence alike under the administrations of Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt and Taft.

The capitalist class, the few in number, absolutely controls the government—legislative, executive and judicial. This class owns the machinery of gathering and disseminating news thru its organized press. It subsidizes seats of learning—the schools and colleges—and even religious and moral agencies. It has also the added prestige which established custom gives to any order of society—right or wrong.

The working class, which includes all those who are forced to work for a living, whether by hand or brain in shop, mine or on the soil, vastly outnumber the capitalist class. Lacking effective organization and class solidarity, this class is unable to enforce its will. Given such class solidarity and effective organization, the workers will have the power to make all laws and control all industry in their own interest.

All political parties are the expression of economic and class interests. All other parties than the Socialist party represent one or another group of the ruling capitalist class. Their political conflicts reflect merely superficial rivalries between competing capitalist groups. However they result, these conflicts have no issue of real value to the workers.

Whether the Democrats or Republicans win politically, it is the capitalist class that is victorious economically. The Socialist party is the political expression of the economic interests of the workers. Its defeats have been their defeats and its victories their victories. It is a party founded on the science and laws of social development. It proposes that, since all social necessities today are socially produced, the means of their production and distribution shall be socially owned and democratically managed.

In the face of the economic and political aggressions of the capitalist class, the only reliance left the workers is that of their economic organizations and their political power. By the intelligent and class-conscious use of these they may resist successfully the capitalist class, breaking the fetters of wage slavery, and fit them selves for the future society, which is to displace the capitalist system. The Socialist party appreciates the full significance of class organization and urges the wage earners, the useful farmers and all other useful workers everywhere to organize for economic and political action, and we pledge ourselves to support the toilers of the fields as well as those in the shops, factories and mines of the nation in their struggle for economic justice.

In the defeat or victory of the working class party in this new struggle for freedom lies the defeat or triumph of the common people of all economic groups, as well as the failure or the triumph of popular government. Thus the Socialist party is the party of the present day revolution, which marks the transition from economic individualism to Socialism, from capitalist oligarchy to industrial democracy.

As measures calculated to strengthen the working class in its fight for the realization of its ultimate aim, the co-operative commonwealth, and to increase its power of resistance against capitalist oppression, we advocate and pledge ourselves and our elected officers to the following program:

1. The absolute freedom of press speech and assemblage.
2. The adoption of a graduated income tax, the increase of the rates of the present corporation tax and the extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the nearness of kin—the proceeds of these taxes to be employed in the socialization of industry.

3. The abolition of the monopoly ownership of patents and the substitution of collective ownership, with direct reward to inventors by premiums or royalties.
4. Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women.
5. The adoption of the initiative, referendum and recall and of proportional representation, nationally as well as locally.

6. The abolition of the senate and veto power of the president.
7. The election of the president and the vice-president by the direct vote of the people.
8. The abolition of the power usurped by the Supreme Court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of the legislation enacted by congress. National laws to be repealed only by act of congress or by a referendum vote of the whole people.

9. The abolition of the present restrictions upon the amendment of the constitution, so that that instrument may be made amendable by a majority of the voters in a majority of the states.
10. The granting of the right of suffrage in the District of Columbia, with representation in congress, and a democratic form of municipal government for purely local affairs.

11. The extension of democratic government to all United States territory.
12. The enactment of further measures for general education, and particularly for vocational education in useful pursuits. The bureau of education to be made a department.
13. The enactment of further measures for the conservation of health. The creation of an independent bureau of health with such restrictions as will secure full liberty for all schools of practice.

14. The separation of the present bureau of labor from the department of commerce and labor, and its elevation to the rank of a department.
15. Abolition of the federal district courts and the United States circuit courts of appeals. State courts to have jurisdiction in all cases arising between citizens and foreign corporations. The election of all judges for short terms.

16. The immediate curbing of the power of the courts to issue injunctions.
17. The free administration of justice.
18. The calling of a convention for the revision of the constitution of the United States.
Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of socialized industry and thus come to their rightful inheritance.